1	2	3	4
19.	Tamil Nadu	24	1,31,969
20.	Uttar Pradesh (East)	84	2,12,313
21.	Uttar Pradesh (West)	21	66,004
22.	Uttaranchal	29	14,493
23.	West Bengal	13	23,224
	TOTAL:	1685	25,64,577

Introduction of 'Logistics Post Service'

3840. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Post Offices have introduced a new service called the 'Logistics Post Service";

(b) if so, the details of this service;

(c) whether Government would simultaneously ban private couriers from doing business in this category of service;

(d) if so, whether Government are aware that nearly one lakh people in Hyderabad and nearby towns depend on work in the courier and parcel service sector; and

(f) the steps proposed to study the impact of banning courier and parcel service in private sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) The Department of Posts has introduced "Logistics Post" on 10.8.2004 for transmission of large parcels and consignments between identified stations, with minimum charge for 50 Kgs weight.

(c) Section 4 of the Indian Post Office Act, 1898 bestows exclusive privilege on the Central Government for handling letters with some exceptions. The Logistics Post is not covered under the said exclusive privilege. Accordingly, there is no proposal to ban private couriers from doing business in this category of service.

(d) and (e) Do not arise in view of (c) above.